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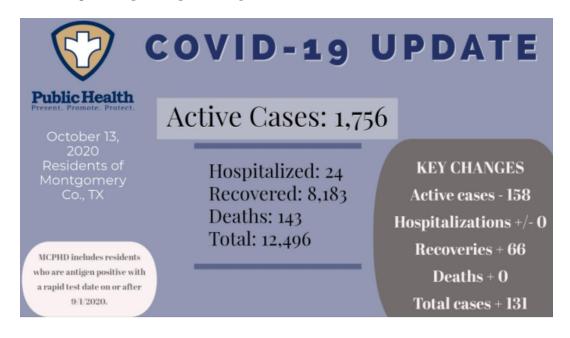
## **Daily COVID-19 Update for Montgomery County**

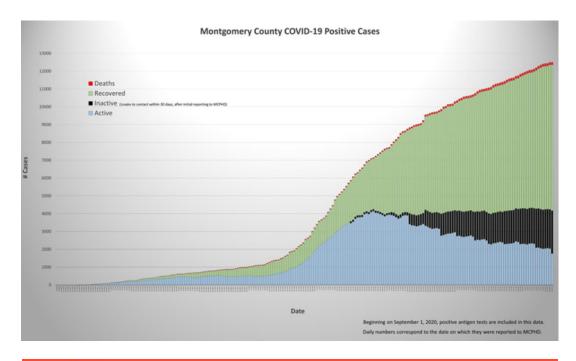
Status Update from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

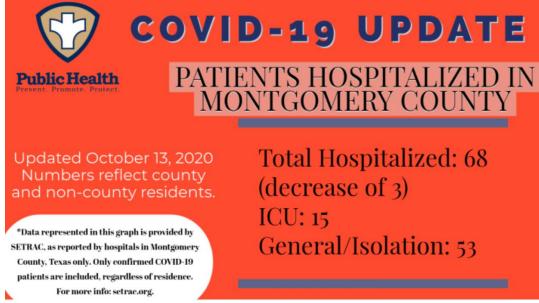
MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, can confirm the following update related to COVID-19.

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 131 to 12,496 since yesterday's (10/12) report.
  - We have continued to process cases that were reported to The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) directly by healthcare providers and entered into the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS). Out of the 131 new cases today, 22 were tested prior to 8/28.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 decreased by 158 to 1,756 since yesterday's (10/12) report.
- 24 residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 8,183 people have clinically recovered.

\*These numbers include PCR and rapid antigen testing. We do not include antibody testing. Have questions? Please go to <a href="https://mcphd-tx.org/">https://mcphd-tx.org/</a> and scroll down to the FAQs.







You can find more information on the SETRAC website, setrac.org.

Take steps to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

- If your children have started in-person school, teach them proper hygiene and the correct way to wear a mask. Encourage them to never share masks with others.
- Avoid groups of people.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wear a mask in public or with others outside your household.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.

You can view the case-by-case updates on the MCPHD website here: <a href="https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/">https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/</a>. You can refer to the dashboard here: <a href="https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/">https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/</a>.

Just a reminder, online registration is available for COVID-19 testing through the MCPHD/MCHD voucher program. Click on "Need to be tested?" on mchd-tx.org or mcphd-tx.org and follow the instructions.

The COVID-19 Call Center's number is 936-523-3916. It is open Monday-Friday from 8:00am – 4:30pm.

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